

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 10 Jan 53 10/2345Z	2. LOCATION Sonoma, California
3. SOURCE Retired Colonel	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Unidentified
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 60 - 75 Sec.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Silvery colored object traveled at estimated speed of 4 times the speed of jet a/c. Object made 3 360° turns and several 90° turns, then rose vertically and disappeared.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Northwest	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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/██████████/WDOID 01131. ATTN: INTEL. FLYOBRPT. /1/ SHAPE:

UNKNOWN. SIZE: ABOUT SIZE OF PIN HEAD HELD 2FT FR EYE. COLOR: SILVERY,  
POSSIBLY DUE TO REFLECTION OF SUN AGAINST(ACFT TYPE COVERING.) NUMBER:

1. AERODYNAMIC FEATURES: NEG. SPEED: GR RATE OF SPEED, ABOUT 4 TIMES  
SPEED OF J ACFT. SOUND: SIMILAR TO F-86 J ACFT, DEFINITELY CONNECTED W/  
OBJ. SOUND FCLD OBJ ACROSS SKY W/NO C IN TONE OR VOL DURING  
MANEUVERS. MANEUVERS: OBJ TVLD NW DIR MAKING 3, 360 DEGREE TIGHT TURNS  
TAKING 3 SECONDS TO COMPL EA TURN HOLDING ON SAME CRSE AT INTERVALS OF  
5 SECONDS EA, OBJ MADE ABRUPT RIGGLE /90 DEGREE/ TURNS FIRST TO  
RIGHT, THEN TO LEFT. OBJ THEN SLOWED DOWN ALMOST TO A STOP, ACCELERATING  
TO ITS PREVIOUS SPEED, MAKING THIS MANEUVER THREE OR FOUR TIMES

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ANDISAPPEARED FR VIEW. TRAIL OR EXAUST: NEG. PROPULSIONS SYS:  
NEG. DISAPPEARANCE: ROSE VERTICALLY AND DISAPPEARED FR VIEW. /2/  
BETWEEN 1545 AND 1600 PST-2345 AND 2400Z 13 JAN 53. LGTH OF  
OBSERVATION 60 TO 75 SECONDS. /3/ VISUAL SIGHTING. /4/ 8. MIS NW SONOMA,  
CALIF IN SONOMA VALLEY. OBJ SIGHTED 45 DEGREES NW OF OBSR AT VERY HIGH  
ALT. /5/ 1 OBSR RETD COL W/ 100 HRS AIR EXPERIENCE. 1 OBSR EMPL FSA,  
S.F., CALIF. /6/ WEA HAMILTON AFB AND SONOMA; CLEAR, VISIBILITY 10 MIS,  
WINDS FR E AT 7 KNOTS. /7/ NEG. /8/ NEG. /9/ NEG. /10/ NO OTHER AIR  
TRAFFIC IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING. END

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COUNTRY <i>Military</i> United States	REPORT NO. IR-1-53W	LEAVE BLANK
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT <u>Unidentified Flying Object Report (FLYOBRRPT)</u>		
AREA REPORTED ON <u>Sonoma Valley, California</u>	FROM (Agency) <u>Hamilton AFB, Hamilton, California</u>	Director of Intelligence, HQ, WADF
DATE OF REPORT <u>20 January 1953</u>	DATE OF INFORMATION <u>15 January 1953</u>	EVALUATION <u>A-3</u>
PREPARED BY (Officer) <u>BEDOV H. HAUG, Captain, USAF</u>	SOURCE <u>Retired USAF Colonel</u>	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) <u>AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952</u>		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)		
SUBJECT: FLYOBRRPT		
<p>In accordance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBRRPT), the following report of an unidentified flying object is submitted:</p> <p>On 10 January 1953, between 1545 hours and 1600 hours, PST (2345Z and 2400Z), Colonel <u>[REDACTED]</u> USAF (Ret) and Mr. <u>[REDACTED]</u> of the Federal Security Agency, San Francisco, California, observed an unidentified flying object while eight (8) miles northwest of Sonoma, California, from a knoll in the hills northwest of the Sonoma Valley. The object was sighted at a 45° angle northwest from the location of the observers at a very high altitude, so high that the object was compared to the flat head of a pin held two feet from the eye. Speed was estimated at four times the speed of a jet aircraft with accompanying sound similar to the USAF F-86 jet at high altitude. There was no change in sound tone or volume during maneuvers. Unusual maneuvers made by the object were; (1) - Three (3) 360° tight turns to the right, taking 2 to 3 seconds to complete each turn; (2) - Two (2) right angle (90°) turns, first to the right, then to the left; (3) - The object slowed down to almost a complete stop, then accelerated to high speed again, making this maneuver twice. The object then rose vertically and disappeared from view. Total time of observation was estimated to be between 60 and 75 seconds. There were no radar contacts with this object. No other observations of this object are known to have been made.</p>		
<p>APPROVED: <i>Harvey C. Brown</i> HARVEY C. BROWN JR Lt Colonel, USAF Director of Intelligence</p>		
<p>1 INCAS Tape Recording on Reel/ Tape recording sent to USAF CWP NDC</p>		
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On 15 January 1953 at 1135 hours PST (1935Z), one Colonel [REDACTED] USAF, (Retired), appeared and was interrogated in the Office of the Director of Intelligence, Hamilton Air Force Base, Hamilton, California, stating he had observed an unidentified flying object. A tape recording of this interrogation was made and is forwarded with this report as inclosure #1. Information contained therein is as follows:

Name and Address of Observers:

(1) Colonel [REDACTED] USAF (Ret)

Sonoma, California

(2) Mr. [REDACTED]  
Federal Security Agency  
San Francisco, CaliforniaInterrogated by:

Captain E. M. Johnson, USAF  
Public Information Office  
headquarters Western Air Defense Force  
Hamilton Air Force Base, Hamilton, California

1. Description of Object:

Shape: Unknown due to high altitude.

Size: About the size of a pin-head held 2 feet from the eye.

Color: Silvery, possibly due to reflection of sun against aircraft-type covering.

Speed: Great speed. Estimated as 4 times the speed of a jet aircraft.

Sound: Similar to sound of an F-86 at high altitude, with no change in tone or volume during maneuvers.

Maneuvers: The object made three (3), 360° turns to the right taking 2 to 3 seconds to complete each turn. These turns were made at 5 second intervals still holding on the same course. It continued on and made an abrupt right angle (90°) turn to the right, followed 5 seconds later with an abrupt turn to the left which placed the object back on its original course. After this maneuver, the object slowed down to almost a stop and then accelerated to its previous speed, making this maneuver twice. The object then rose vertically and disappeared from view. (The observer stated that the object could possibly have been climbing

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when it seemed to slow down to a stop but that he seriously doubted it). The 360° turns were said to be very tight turns, about one-eighth (1/8th) of area required for jet aircraft.

**Trails or Exhaust:** None observed.

**Propulsion System:** Not reported.

**Number of Objects:** One (1)

**Manner of Disappearance:** Object rose vertically and disappeared from view to the northwest.

**Other Pertinent or Unusual Features:** The glinting did not change during the maneuvers.

**2. Time of Sighting:**

**Local Time:** Between 1545 hrs and 1600 hrs, 10 Jan 53

**Zebra Time:** Between 2345Z and 2400Z, 10 Jan 53

**Length of Time Observed:** From 60 to 75 seconds by Colonel [REDACTED] Mr [REDACTED] saw object 10 seconds later when Colonel [REDACTED] pointed it out to him, due to the object's terrific speed and high altitude.

**3. Manner of Observation:** Visual without aids. The 28th Air Division (Defense) reported no radar contacts with this object during the time and date reported.

**4. Location of Observers During Sighting:**

Eight (8) miles northwest of Sonoma, California, from a knoll in the hills northwest of Sonoma Valley near the crest of Trinity Road connecting the Sonoma and Napa Valleys. The object was sighted at a 45° angle northwest of position of the observers. Distance of object from observers was undetermined, flying at a very high altitude in a northwest direction. Altitude was determined to be greater than that normally flown by jet aircraft.

**5. Reliability of Information:**

Colonel [REDACTED] stated he had a total of over 1,000 hours flying time and is familiar with various types of aircraft. However, he stated that Mr. Hunter's background does not indicate much familiarity with aircraft.

**6. Weather, Winds and Visibility at Time and Place of Sighting:**

**Observers Report:** The sun was dropping in the west. Visibility was good, ceiling was unlimited with sufficient light for good observation.

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Official Weather Report - Hamilton Weather Station: Weather in Hamilton and Sonoma Area: Clear, visibility 10 miles with winds from the east at 7 knots.

7. Negative.
8. Negative.
9. Negative.
10. Location of Air Traffic in General Area at Time of Sighting:  
No other air traffic in area at time of sighting.

*Percy V. Haug*

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Captain, USAF  
Chief, Operational Intelligence

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Sonoma, California

10 January 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 2345 3 two civilian sources observed one small flying object moving at a great rate of speed and performing violent maneuvers. The object's sound was similar to that of a jet aircraft. The object made three 360° right turns in nine seconds then performed abrupt 90° turns first to the right, then to the left. The object then stopped, accelerated to its former speed, rose vertically and disappeared.

II. Discussion of Incident

The only known aerial object capable of appearing to go through the described maneuvers would be a balloon; however, the time factors and velocity estimates do not support this conclusion.

III. Conclusion

Unknown

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